

**DECLARATION FOR REISSUE APPLICATION
WITH POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As the below named inventor and patentee of the below-identified patent, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: SURGICAL METHODS USING ONE-WAY SUTURE, Patent No. 5,931,855, issued August 3, 1999, the specification and new claims for which are attached hereto.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations. § 1.56(a).

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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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I believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of a defective specification, in that I claimed less than I had the right to claim in the patent.

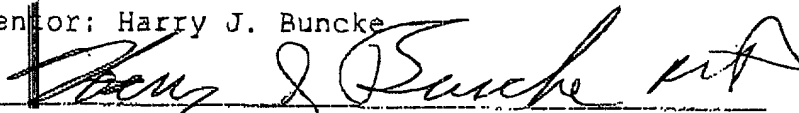
Specifically, I failed to claim the methods of manufacture of one-way sutures as disclosed in the original patent application and as shown in the drawings, Figs. 13-18. This error arose without any deceptive intention on the part of myself, the applicant.

I hereby offer to surrender the original Patent No. 5,931,855.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any reissued patent issued thereon.

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